

House Watch

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CONFERENCE REPORTS

SB 1107

(Jelinek)

School aid appropriations for fiscal year 2008-2009.

- The conference report was adopted [RC 706: 68 yes, 39 no]

HB 5816

(Cheeks)

General government appropriations for fiscal year 2008-2009.

- The conference report was adopted [RC 705: 72 Yes, 32 No]
- IE was ordered

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HB 5524

(Accavitti)

A bill to amend the Public Service Commission law.

- The House nonconcurred in the Senate substitute S-7 [RC 707: 1 yes, 105 no]

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 852

(Garcia)

Divestment - 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund.

- House requests return – returned from Senate

- Passage reconsidered
- Substitute H-1 adopted.
- SB 852 was passed [RC 703: 102 Yes, 0 No]

SB 1270

(Kahn)

MBT credit for Hemlock Semiconductor.

- House requests return – returned from Senate
- Passage reconsidered
- Substitute H-1 adopted.
- SB 1270 was passed [RC 704: 102 Yes, 0 No]

SB 213

(Birkholz)

Renewable energy program.

- Accavitti substitute H-2 adopted
- Gillard 1A adopted
- SB 213 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 213 was passed [RC 708: 86 yes, 21 no]
- IE was ordered

SB 1351

(Hunter)

Senate Bill 1351 would add a new section to the Michigan Liquor Control Code (MCL 436.1526) to allow the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to issue a special license to a nonprofit entity composed primarily of brewers, microbrewers, and brewpubs conducting a beer festival that had as its primary purpose the showcasing of beer and its production. "Beer festival" would be defined in the bill as an event at which the various types and kinds of beer and the production of that beer were showcased to the general public. The public could purchase and sample the beer being showcased for consumption on the licensed premises. There would be a \$25 application fee per day of an event. The beer festival special license would restrict the holder to no more than six events per calendar year. The bill would allow the holder of a special license for a beer festival to buy a quantity of beer determined appropriate by the commission directly from any licensed brewpub for consumption only at the licensed event.

- SB 1351 discharged from committee
- SB 1351 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 1351 was passed [RC 701: 104 Yes, 0 No]
- IE was ordered.

SB 1352

(Allen)

Senate Bill 1352 would also add a new section to the Michigan Liquor Control Code (MCL 436.1413) to allow direct sales of beer by a licensed brewpub to an organization conducting a beer festival under a special license created by Senate Bill 1351. The Liquor Control Commission would determine the appropriate amount of beer that could be sold directly to a special licensee by a brewpub, microbrewery, or brewer.

- SB 1352 discharged from committee
- SB 1352 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 1352 was passed [RC 702: 102 Yes, 0 No]
- IE was ordered.

SB 170

(Clark-Coleman)

The bill (S-2) would create the "Subsidized Guardianship Assistance Act" to do the following:

- Provide that a child who was a ward of the court due to abuse or neglect or was under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Children's Institute would be eligible for subsidized guardianship assistance if specific factors existed making it reasonable to conclude that the child could not be placed without assistance, and if a reasonable effort had been made to place the child without assistance or a subsidized guardianship were the only placement in the child's best interest.
- Permit the DHS to pay subsidized assistance to a court-appointed legal guardian on behalf of an eligible child if the guardian were the child's relative or legal custodian and were approved for the assistance by the DHS, and the child lived with the guardian.
- Require a guardian to apply for and maintain on behalf of the child any public or private medical insurance or assistance for which the child was eligible.
- Require the DHS to terminate relative guardianship assistance under particular circumstances.
- Provide for an appeal of the DHS's decision to terminate or alter the terms of guardianship assistance, or deny an application for assistance.
- Require the DHS to collect, assemble, and report all information required for reporting purposes, and require a guardian to provide information requested by the DHS.

- Discharged from committee
- SB 170 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 170 was passed [RC 700: 104 Yes, 0 No]
- IE was ordered.

SB 1367

(Allen)

The bill (as passed by the Senate) would amend the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) Act to revise the definitions of "qualified high-wage activity" and "qualified new job", and to revise the investment requirement for certain eligible businesses to enter into an agreement with MEGA for a Michigan business tax (MBT) credit. The act allows MEGA to enter into an agreement with an eligible business for an MBT credit if the business meets a prescribed set of criteria. Among the criteria are creating and maintaining a minimum number of qualified new jobs at a facility, maintaining a certain number of full-time jobs in Michigan, and

paying a certain level of wages. As a rule, the wages paid for each retained job and qualified new job must be at least 150 percent of the federal minimum wage. If the eligible business is a qualified high-wage activity, the wages paid for each qualified new job must be at least 300 percent of the federal minimum wage. The act defines "qualified high-wage activity" as a business that has an average wage. Senate Bill 1367 would define "qualified high-wage activity" as a business that has an average wage of 300 percent or more of the federal minimum wage. For jobs created after July 1, 2000, "qualified new job" means a full-time job at a facility created by an eligible business that is in excess of the number of full-time jobs maintained by that eligible business in Michigan up to 120 days before the eligible business became an authorized business, as determined by MEGA. Senate Bill 1367 would refer to up to 90 days before the eligible business became an authorized business.

Under the act, beginning January 1, 2008, after receiving an application for an MBT credit, MEGA may enter into a written agreement with an eligible business that does not meet criteria regarding qualified new jobs, full-time jobs, and wages, if the eligible business meets other specified criteria. These include agreeing to make new capital investment at a facility equal to \$50,000 or more per retained job maintained at the facility. Senate Bill 1367, instead, would require the business to agree to invest that amount, through construction, acquisition, transfer, purchase, contract, or any other method as determined by MEGA.

- Substitute H-1 adopted.
- SB 1367 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 1367 was passed. [RC 699: 104 Yes, 0 No]
- IE was ordered

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

HCR 94 (Sak)

A concurrent resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

- HCR 94 was adopted.

HR 406 (Sak)

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

- HR 406 was adopted.

HCR 95 (Tobocman)

A concurrent resolution prescribing the legislative schedule.

- HCR 95 was adopted